Members of North Texas Antifa cell charged with terrorism, attempted murder following shooting attack in Alvarado

This was the most brazen American Antifa attack in history

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Top row from left to right: Elizabeth Soto, Maricela Rueda, Ines Soto, Savanna Batten, Seth Sikes. Bottom row from left to right: Bradford Morris (trans name 'Meagan Morris'), Cameron Arnold (trans name 'Autumn Hill'), Joy Gibson, Zachary Evetts, Nathan Baumann

10 heavily armed alleged members of an Antifa cell in North Texas have been federally and locally charged for the attempted murder of officers in a terror shooting attack at an ICE facility on the Fourth of July in Alvarado, Texas. An Alvarado Police officer was shot in the neck but survived.

According to the FBI-written federal affidavit filed in the Northern District of Texas Fort Worth Division, the militants came ready for an ambush with multiple AR rifles, pistols, ammunition, radios, body armor and electromagnetic blocking devices. At around 10:37 p.m., they launched their attack with explosive fireworks at the Prairieland Detention Center and began damaging vehicles in the parking lot. The attack was allegedly a ploy to lure out the agents inside to kill them.

From the criminal complaint:

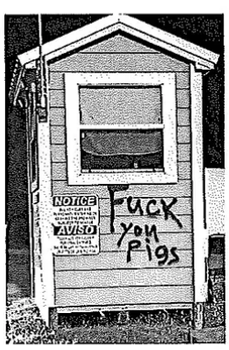
> ...around 10:59 p.m., an Alvarado Police Department ("APD") officer arrived in the parking lot at the Prairieland Detention Center in response to the 911 call by the Correctional Officers in order to assist the Correctional Officers in their official duties. Immediately after the APD officer got out of his vehicle, an assailant in the woods opened fire, shooting the APD officer in the neck area. The assailant in the

> green mask, standing near the woods on Sunflower Lane, then also opened fire at the unarmed DI-IS correctional officers. In total, the assailants shot approximately 20 to 30 rounds at the Correctional Officers. Police later recovered spent 5.56 caliber casings at the locations of both of the shooters.

Attack on Prairieland Detention Center

14. On July 4, 2025, at approximately 10:37 p.m. Central Daylight Time, a group of around ten to twelve individuals wearing all black began shooting fireworks towards the Prairieland Detention Center.

15. Around 10:47 p.m., one or two individuals broke off from the main group and began to graffiti and damage vehicles and a guard structure in the parking lot at the facility, including the following:



One suspect, a trans person named Bradford “Meagen” Morris, was caught in a getaway car by a responding Johnson County sheriff’s deputy. Morris was armed with a black pistol and two AR-15-style rifles. He also had two Kevlar ballistic vests, a ballistic helmet, a loaded magazine in his pocket and a hand-held radio.

Seven militants dressed in black who fled on foot from the scene of the shooting were apprehended nearby. Investigators recovered a discarded or lost jammed AR-15 style rifle near the shooting site, in addition to a second AR rifle in a wooded area across

from the detention center, spent casings, two body armor plate carriers with loaded AR-15 magazines and a pistol magazine.

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One of the suspects' backpacks contained Antifa political propaganda and far-left extremist anarchist zines that are popular with Antifa members. Additional firearms, loaded magazines and twelve sets of body armor were found during the search of the suspects and their vehicles.

26. Additional firearms, magazines containing ammunition, and a total of twelve sets of body armor were found during a search of the vehicles, persons, and area around the Prairieland Detention Center, including the following:

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Suspect Zachary Evetts had allegedly managed to escape on foot from the scene, leaving his car behind nearby. He was found walking around 2 a.m. on July 5, about three miles from the site of the shooting, still wearing black, military-style gear. A search of his belongings revealed a balaclava and other suspicious items.

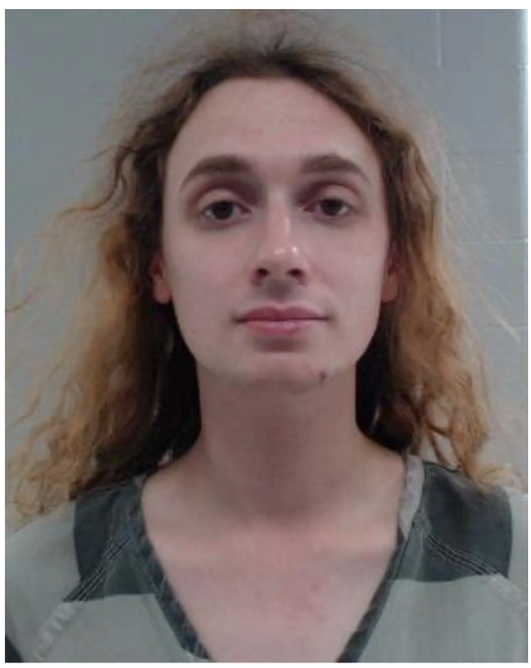
The criminal complaint says that law enforcement found nine additional firearms and more body armor at Morris' Dallas residence.

"Historical cellphone location data indicates that Morris's house was a staging location before the assailants went to the Prairieland Detention Center," the affidavit reads. Another trans suspect, Cameron Arnold (trans name 'Autumn Hill'), was found

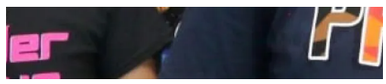
at the property the day after the shooting and arrested.

All ten of the following Texas-based suspects have been federally charged with three counts of attempted murder of a federal officer and three counts of discharging a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence:

Ringleader Bradford Morris (trans name 'Meagan Elizabeth Morris'), of Dallas



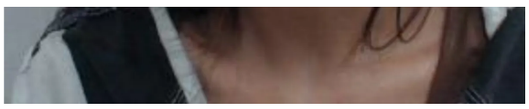
Cameron Arnold (trans name 'Autumn Hill'), of Dallas



Cameron Arnold (trans name “Autumn Hill’)

Joy Abigail Gibson, of Dallas

Nathan Baumann, of College Station (also uses the alias ‘Nathan Bessent’)



Elizabeth Andrea Soto, of Fort Worth

Maricela Rueda, of Fort Worth

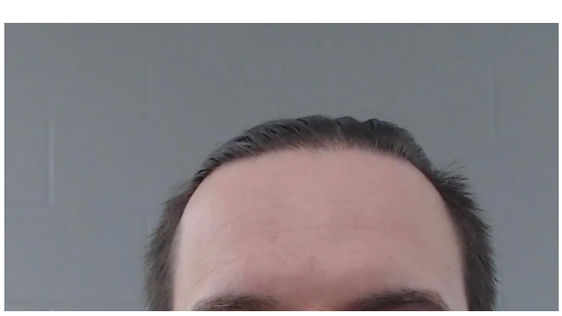
Marciela Rueda allegedly called a comrade to move her car and hide evidence of her ideologically motivated extremism

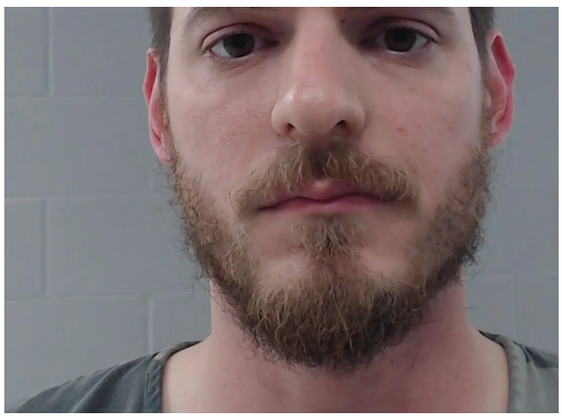
Ines Houston Soto, of Fort Worth

Savanna Sue Batten, of Fort Worth. She has a long history of left-wing activism

Seth Edison Sikes, of Kennedale

Seth Edison Sikes was carrying a handgun and an AR-15





Zachary Jared Evetts, of Waxahachie

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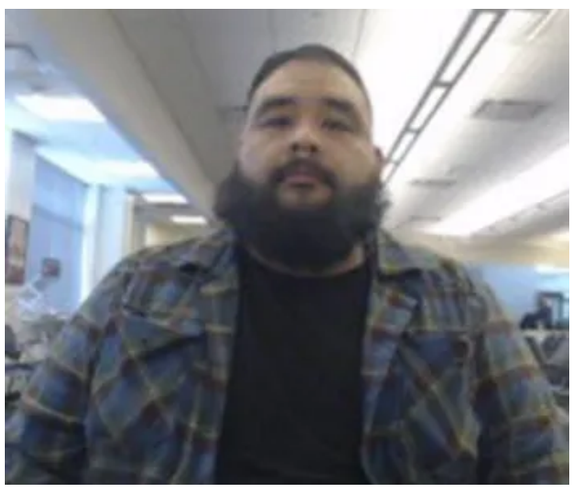
Zachary Evetts successfully fled on foot from the shooting but was apprehended several miles later. He is married to a woman of Mexican background nicknamed 'Andy Evetts'

In addition to the federal charges, the 10 suspects are also booked into the county jail and face local charges of terrorism, aggravated assault and attempted murder. Bail for each suspect is set at $10 million, the highest known bail ever known for an Antifa suspect.

An 11th suspect, Daniel Rolando Sanchez, is being charged separately for hiding evidence.

Suspect Maricela Rueda allegedly called Rolando Sanchez, her husband, to have him

tow her car away from Morris' residence and to gather any incriminating property from her apartment. He's been charged with felony conspiracy to tamper with evidence. Rolando Sanchez is a former illegal migrant who was given a green card under the Biden administration in 2024.



Daniel Rolando-Sanchez Estrada

On July 7, an FBI surveillance team saw Mr. Sanchez carrying a box from his truck to an apartment in Denton, Texas. An executed search on that apartment found the box contained a cache of anarchist anti-government propaganda. The same type of booklets and texts are popular with Antifa extremists as recruitment and radicalization tools.

34. On July 7, 2025, at 10:49 a.m., FBI surveillance team went to a residence in Garland, Texas, which they believed was the residential address for Sanchez. FBI observed a vehicle registered to Sanchez at the residence and saw Sanchez carrying multiple packages from his residence to his truck. FBI followed Sanchez to an apartment in Denton, Texas, and saw him take a box from his truck to the apartment. The FBI executed a search warrant on the Denton apartment and found the box carried by Sanchez, which contained anti-government propaganda, including the following:

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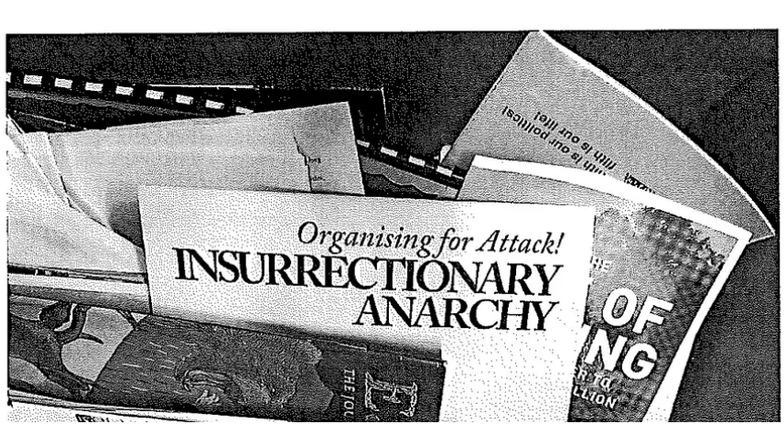
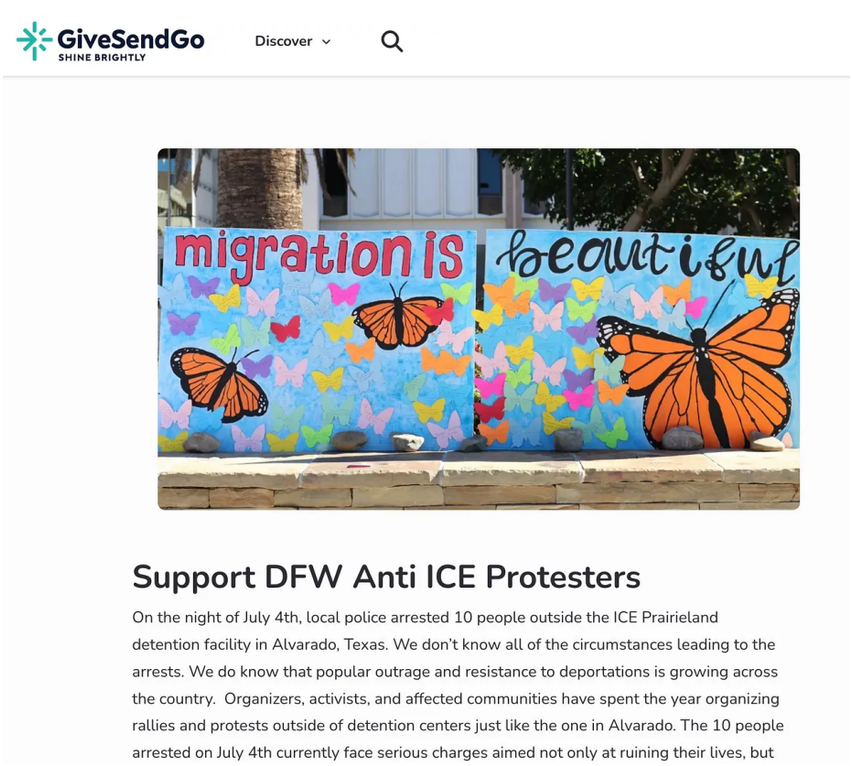


"It was a planned ambush with the intent to kill ICE corrections officers," acting U.S. Attorney Nancy Larson for the Northern District of Texas said during a press conference on July 7. Watch the press conference video below:

Antifa networks have been mobilizing immediately to raise funds for the suspects. A fundraiser on GiveSendGo has raised thousands of dollars so far, with anonymous donors contributing significant amounts. The Christian site is likely being used because GoFundMe does not allow campaigns for those accused of violent crimes. GiveSendGo has been reached for comment.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Support DFW Anti ICE Protesters
On the night of July 4th, local police arrested 10 people outside the ICE Prairieland detention facility in Alvarado, Texas. We don't know all of the circumstances leading to the arrests. We do know that popular outrage and resistance to deportations is growing across the country. Organizers, activists, and affected communities have spent the year organizing rallies and protests outside of detention centers just like the one in Alvarado. The 10 people arrested on July 4th currently face serious charges aimed not only at ruining their lives, but

signalling an authoritarian criminalization of dissent and protest against ICE. Local authorities have set bail at $10 million per person.

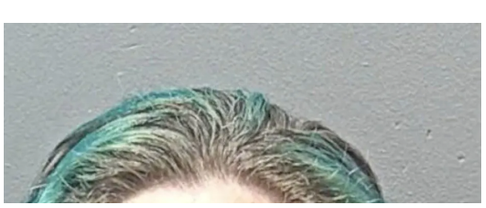
This is a fundraiser to raise legal fees and living expenses for all those facing repression connected to the protest at the Prairieland Detention Center. Due to the serious nature of the charges, the majority of money raised will go towards legal fees. Those arrested have jobs, families, and rent that needs to be paid. As they remain incarcerated due to punitively high bail, some funds may be used to cover expenses like child support, rent, or other basic necessities.

The Fourth of July terror shooting incident occurred just days before gunman Ryan Mosqueda fired dozens of rounds at federal agents at a U.S. border facility in McAllen, Texas on July 7. He was shot dead when the agents fired back. Little is known about Mosqueda but a social media post from several weeks ago shows he was critical of President Trump for deploying the military to protect federal property during the Los Angeles open border riots in June. The shootings occured in the context of Antifa, leftists and Democrats demonizing and inciting violence against U.S. immigration officials.

The shooting at the Prairieland Detention Center also mirrors the 2019 Antifa attack on the ICE facility in Tacoma, Wash. by Willem van Spronsen. The Belgian-born gunman used explosive devices to try to lure out officers in that armed attack. He was shot dead after his ghost gun rifle jammed. I reported on Spronsen extensively in my book, "Unmasked." I had seen him face-to-face at a direct action in Seattle months before his terror attack.

In recent years, North Texas has become the Texas hub for violent far-left organizing by Antifa and allied affinity groups. In April 2023, Antifa members part of the Elm Fork John Brown Gun Club were arrested following violent attacks of police and Christian protesters outside a family-friendly drag show in Fort Worth. One Antifa member was convicted, one was acquitted at trial and one has an upcoming trial.

An Antifa network based in North Texas carried out in attack in Fort Worth in April 2023



Dallas Antifa member Meghan Grant was convicted for her role in a violent, organized attack in April 2023